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SUBJ: FONMIN REAFFIRMS ETHIOPIAN NONALIGNED STATUS

1. DURING JUNE 5 RECEPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS, FONMIN FELLEKE GEDLE-GHIORGIS IN BRIEF ADDRESS MADE PLEA FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND REAFFIRMED THAT ETHIOPIA'S FOREIGN POLICY CONTINUES TO BE FIRMLY BASED ON NONALIGNMENT. HE REMINDED DIPLOMATS THAT, IN CONTRAST TO MEDIA REPORTING, WHICH OFTEN BIASED, FOREIGN MISSIONS HAVE TASK OF FORMING AND REPORTING OBJECTIVE AND IMPARTIAL JUDGMENTS ON CAUSES AND OBJECTIVES OF REVOLUTION, BASED ON SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING FOR LONG SUFFERING ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE. COL. FELLEKE DESCRIBED NEW SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ORDER AS BASED ON EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL ETHIOPIANS. REVOLUTION "NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY EXTERNAL SOURCE OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY" AND SEEKS TO COOPERATE WITH ALL COUNTRIES.

2. FELLEKE APOLOGIZED FOR INCONVENIENCES AND UNFORE-
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SEEN SITUATIONS WHICH FAR-REACHING REVOLUTIONARY TRANSFORMATIONS OCCASIONALLY CREATED FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND PROMISED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE CAUSES OF SUCH INCONVENIENCES. MEANWHILE, HE PLEADED FOR PATIENCE AND TOLERATION AND GAVE ASSURANCES THAT NO SENTIMENT OF ANTI-FOREIGNISM EXISTED IN ETHIOPIA.

3. COMMENT: RECEPTION WAS CORDIAL ONE, WITH ENTIRE FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF PRESENT AND SHOWING ITS MOST FRIENDLY AND OPEN BEHAVIOR. FONMIN'S MESSAGE WAS SHORT, TO THE POINT, AND CONSISTENT WITH TYPE OF FOREIGN POLICY MESSAGES WHICH EPMG OFTEN USED TO CONVEY BEFORE EVENTS OF LAST SEVERAL MONTHS SENT ETHIOPIA OFF IN NEW DIRECTIONS.

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